

Amendments to the claims.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A coextruded hot-blown film having at least three layers, the film comprising a core layer and, optionally, at least one intermediate layer sandwiched between two skin layers, the film having a haze value of less than about 15%, a 2% secant modulus greater than about 50,000 psi and a cross-directional (CD) shrinkage greater than 0%.
2. (Original) The film of claim 1, wherein:
 - (a) the inner layer, or layers, comprises at least one stiffening polymer selected from the group consisting of: low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, blends thereof, polypropylene homopolymer, polypropylene random copolymer, styrene/butadiene copolymer, polystyrene, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and cyclic-olefin copolymer, provided that when more than one inner layer is present, the inner layers can be the same or different; and,
 - (b) the skin layers, which may be the same or different, comprise at least one of: low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and linear low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and very low density polyethylene; polystyrene; ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer; a blend of ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and linear low density polyethylene; cyclic-olefin copolymer; styrene-butadiene copolymer; or, polypropylene random copolymer, provided that the skin layers are devoid of a homogeneously branched polyethylene resin prepared with a single site catalyst.
3. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the film has 5 layers.
4. (Original) The film of claim 3 wherein the film is characterized by a cross-directional shrink force of at least about 6 psi.
5. (Original) The film of claim 3 having a film structure of A/B/C/B/A or A/B/C/D/E.

6. (Original) The film of claim 3 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
7. (Original) The film of claim 3 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.
8. (Original) The film of claim 2 wherein the low density polyethylene of the inner layer or layers has a melt index, 12, of less than or equal to 1.0.
9. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the film has 3 layers.
10. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a film structure of A/B/A or A/B/C.
11. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 60,000 psi.
12. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 70,000 psi.
13. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 80,000 psi.
14. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
15. (Original) The film of claim 9 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.
16. (Original) A coextruded hot-blown film having at least three layers, the film comprising a core layer and, optionally, at least one intermediate layer sandwiched

between two skin layers, the film having a haze value of less than about 5%, a 2% secant modulus greater than about 50,000 psi and a cross-directional (CD) shrinkage greater than 0%.

17. (Original) The film of claim 16, wherein:
- (a) the inner layer, or layers, comprises at least one stiffening polymer selected from the group consisting of: low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene, high density polyethylene, blends thereof, polypropylene random copolymer, styrene/butadiene copolymer, polystyrene, ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and cyclic-olefin copolymer, provided that when more than one inner layer is present, the inner layers can be the same or different; and,
 - (b) the skin layers, which may be the same or different, comprise at least one of: low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and linear low density polyethylene; a blend of low density polyethylene and very low density polyethylene; polystyrene; ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer; a blend of ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer and linear low density polyethylene; cyclic-olefin copolymer; styrene-butadiene copolymer; or, polypropylene random copolymer, provided that the skin layers are devoid of a homogeneously branched polyethylene resin prepared with a single site catalyst.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
21. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.

22. (Original) The film of claim 17 wherein the low density polyethylene of the inner layer or layers has a melt index, 12, of less than or equal to 1.0.
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a 2% secant modulus greater than about 100,000 psi.
26. (Original) The film of claim 16 having a cross-directional shrink of between 0% and about 50%.
27. (Original) The film of claim 16 wherein the film is characterized by a cross-directional shrink force of at least about 6 psi.
28. (Original) The film of claim 16 wherein the skin layers comprise polystyrene, styrene-butadiene copolymer or cyclic-olefin copolymer.
29. (Original) The film of claim 28 wherein the cyclic-olefin copolymer is an ethylene-norbornene copolymer.
- 30.-48. (Cancelled)